

New AIGA Board 2010 - 2012

New office bearers were elected at the last Annual General Meeting held on 13 September 2010.

The new Board members comprises:

- President - Joseph Cappello (Praxair)
 Vice-President - Ivo Bols (Air Products)
 Secretary - Helmut Schneider (Messer China)
 Treasurer - Mok Kwong Weng (Air Liquide)

*Joseph Cappello,
 (President Praxair Asia Inc.)
 is based in Shanghai.*



Board members:

- Masashi Yamashita (Taiyo Nippon Sanso)
- Fumiaki Ohya (Iwatani Corporation)
- Sanjiv Lamba (Linde Gas Asia)

Association Focus: India

Gas Industries Association (GIA) of India became a member in AIGA early this year. The association has taken off this year with the appointment of its Secretary General Vijay Kumar (pictured below making a presentation in Taiwan in 2009).

Vijay was a veteran in the gas industry with BOC India until his retirement in 2009. It was an opportune time for him to step into his new role which allows him to stay in touch with the industry and still have time for his well earned retirement. Vijay resides in Jamshedpur and works out of the BOC office in the city.



GIA has a new Board constituted and has also appointed a Technical Committee. The TC has been quick off the ground and has adopted three AIGA documents under GIA.

GIA has launched a website: www.gasassociation.in; these documents are published on the website.

A separate Work Group on Transportation Safety has also been set up comprising representatives from members.



Current members of GIA Governing Council:

- Srikumar Menon (BOC India) - chairman
- Siddharth Jain (AP-Inox)
- Philippe Roujon (Air Liquide)
- Gajanan Nabar (Praxair - till November 10)
- Seenivasan Congivaram (Praxair)
- Moloy Banerjee (BOC India)
- Satish Kochchar (Air Liquide)

Current members of Technical Committee:

- Milan Sarkar (Praxair) - chairman
- Satish Kochchar (Air Liquide)
- B. Haribabu (AP-Inox)
- Prabuddha Dar (BOC India)

Technical Committee Members

At the recent TC Meeting on 13 October, members elected James Lucas to assume the position of vice chairman. The position was vacant since Kouji Ikoma retired from the committee in April this year.

Jim works for Air Products and has been with the AIGA TC since its inception in 2003. He is also currently the sponsor for the Packaged Gases Work Group.



Seminars – Picking up momentum in 2010

Since 2009 the shift in focus has been to co-organise the seminars in Asia in conjunction with the national associations based on their selected agendas.

2010 saw a dramatic pickup in momentum. We have completed five seminars with the national associations.

Attendance were very good at all the seminars. The two ESG seminars drew close to 200 participants each. The Acetylene seminars in Indonesia and Malaysia drew 120 and 160 participants respectively. The Medical Gases Seminar in Thailand had about 140 participants.

Feedbacks have been positive. Local speakers have made a notable presence in all the seminars. Some spoke in the native language and this helped to engage the audience more effectively. However, AIGA still had to draw on external speakers from the region to support the locals, in particular, in the area of Electronic Specialty Gases.


The associations had taken on a more active role in organising these meetings and everything turned out smoothly. The experience they have gained will help them to run programmes of their own in the future.

AIGA would like to thank all the speakers, national associations and participants for a very successful year.

Looking forward to 2011

AIGA will continue to work with the associations to organise more safety seminars in 2011.

Consultations with the associations on their areas of interest will start soon.

However, AIGA resources are limited and prioritising the seminars will be necessary. For new topic areas, a longer lead time of 18 months may be required for the preparation. 

Association of Gas Industries Indonesia (AGII)

The AGII will be holding its 9th Congress Meeting in Bali from 9 to 11 December 2010.


It will consist of the Congress Meeting on 9 December and two days

of Technical Meeting on 10 and 11 December.

The theme for the Meeting is: **Sustaining the vitality of the Industrial Gases Business to**

support the future growth of Indonesian Industry.

A broad representation from the Industrial Gases, Gas equipment manufacturers and various industrial sectors will be presenting in the 2-day Seminar.

More information is available directly from AGII. 

Snapshots from the five seminars

Indonesia (AGII)

Acetylene Safety Seminar, Jakarta - 5 July 2010



Afdal Marda (Aneka Gas) with V. Moreau (Linde Gas)



Bing Soekianto (Somator) with Sapto Wibowo (Aneka Gas)

Taiwan (THPGIA) - ESG Safety Seminar, 9 September 2010



CLA Director Fuh Hwa-Ran



Kelvin Huang



Eric Lin



Stuart Muller with THPGIA President
J.T. Su



All the speakers with the organising team

Korea (KISGA) - ESG Safety Seminar, 14 September 2010



AIGA V-P Ivo Bols



K. Inoue



G. Shuttleworth



J. Sameth



K.H. Choo



KISGA President,
S.B. Seo



Tony Kao



Denis Rufin

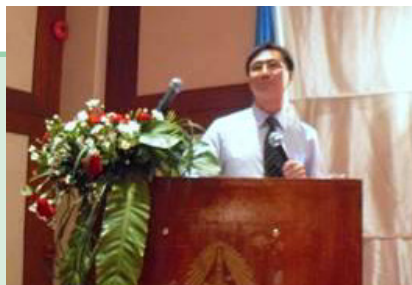


Speakers and organising team

**Thailand (SIGA)
Medical Gases Seminar,
17 September 2010**



Participants with oxygen test set



Vincent Lai



R. Adisom, TC chairman (L)



*SIGA President,
Keerin Chutumstid*

**Malaysia (FMM-MIGMA)
Acetylene Safety Seminar - 14 October 2010**



Discussion Panel: J. Lucas, C. Gobi, C.L. Yong (TC chairman), Ke Geok Chuan (DOSH) and V. Moreau



N.P. Yong



V. Moreau



*MIGMA President,
S.Y. Wong*

Publications

New AIGA Publications

Harmonised documents

- AIGA 70/10 - Leak detection fluids used with gas cylinder packages
- AIGA Position Paper 03 - Use of tapered and parallel threads in aluminium alloy cylinders

Others

- AIGA 69/10 - Safe filling of CO2 cylinders and bundles

Revisions:

- AIGA 006/10 - Good environmental practices for industrial gases industry

- AIGA 024/10 - Connections for transportable and static bulk storage tanks

Recent EIGA Publications

- Doc 164/10 - Safe handling of liquid carbon dioxide containers that have lost pressure
- Doc 165/10 - Safe operation with fork lift trucks
- INFO HF 10/10 - Managing organisation change
- INFO HF 11/10 - Safety Culture

